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FM AMEMBASSY VICTORIA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VICTORIA 0398

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: P-3 VISIT TO SEYCHELLES

REF: A) CTG 72.3 DTG 210105Z APR 78; B) VICTORIA 389 (DTG 030752Z MAY 78); C) STATE 113110 (DTG 032219Z MAY 78);
D) CINCPAC DTG 032212Z MAY 78

1. THROUGHOUT FORTY-EIGHT HOURS SINCE SUBMISSION OF REFTEL B,
LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION HAS REMAINED CALM. MINISTER OF INTERNAL
AFFAIRS AND POLICE COMMISSIONER, WHILE MAINTAINING CONFIDENCE IN
ABILITY OF POLICE/ARMY UNITS TO DEAL WITH INTERNAL SITUATION,
CONTINUE, HOWEVER, TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN
EXTERNALLY-MOUNTED COUNTER-COUP ATTEMPT.

2. IN VIEW ABOVE, EMBASSY PRESENTLY PLANNING FOR USN P-3
AIRCRAFT TO OVERNIGHT IN SEYCHELLES MAY 6-7 AS ORIGINALLY
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REQUESTED. HOWEVER, WE PLAN TO TAKE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS:
(A) REFUELING OF AIRCRAFT SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL MAY 6 VICE
MAY 7 AS PROPOSED REFTEL A; (B) ACCOMMODATION OF CREW AT
REEF HOTEL, TWO MILES FROM AIRPORT AND (C) THOROUGH CONFIDENTIAL
BRIEFING ABOARD AIRCRAFT ON ARRIVAL.

3. AIRPORT AUTHORITIES ADVISE AIRCRAFT BRING TOW BAR AS

PLANE WILL BE PARKED ON CORAL APRON DUE TO LARGE NUMBER OF
ARRIVALS/DEPARTURES DURING PROJECTED VISIT. AS IN PREVIOUS
P-3 VISITS, CREW MEMBERS SHOULD ARRIVE IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES.
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